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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Judges' Circus, E. C. BATES, BENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 150 & 152, Leadenhall Street.

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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SWATOW, QUELCH & CAMPBELL, AMoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & CO., FOOCHEW, HEDGES & CO., SHANGHAI, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, MUNIC, C. HENRICKSEN & CO., MACAO, L. A. DA GRACA.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND.....200,000 Dollars.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS,
Chairman—E. R. BELLIOS, Esq.
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ACT. CHIEF MANAGER,
Hongkong, . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.,
Manager.

Shanghai, . EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON Fixed Deposits :—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
6 " 4 per cent. " "
12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drifts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
acting Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 10th January, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., by order of F. S. HUFFAM, Esq., Acting Registrar and Official Assignee,—

SUNDAY PROPERTIES, belonging to the Estate of Ho Poon and Siemoon Luen, trading under the Style of SHANG YUNE, Bankrupts.

At No. 14, Sak-long-tsu.

Chinese Household Furniture, comprising: Blackwood Chairs, Teapoy, Stools, Tables, Chandelier, Clock, Pictures, Bed Planks and Stools, Cupboards, &c.

And,

At Belcher's Bay.

A Quantity of Timber, &c., comprising: 31 pieces of Hardwood, 38 pieces Small Yellow-Colored Hardwood, 181 pieces Hardwood, 39 pieces Pear Wood, 8 Spars, 3 pieces inferior kind, 42 pieces Crooks, 18 pieces Old Spars.

81 Old Ma. Wood, 2 inches.

41 " 3 "

111 " 4 "

100 " 5 "

A Large Quantity of broken pieces of Wood.

And,

14 Planks.

1 Winch, 2 Iron Buoys, 1 Iron Capstan, Saws, Rope, Rattan, Blocks, Flax, wood, &c.

Also,

5 Wooden Houses.

And,

All that Piece or Parcel of Ground situated at Belcher's Bay and registered in the Land Office an Inland Lot No. 418, Sections A, M.N.O., and Sub-section No. 1 of Section B.

For further particulars, apply to the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. ja10

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. H. C. KEDMANN has been admitted a Partner in our Firm, and Mr. ALFRED HERZI has been authorized to sign for us per Procuration.

CARLOWITZ & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ja2

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned will henceforth be carried on under the Name or Style of H. KLEIN & CO.

H. KLEIN.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ja2

NOTICE.

M. R. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT VON PUSTAU, Jupe, is authorized to sign for our Firm.

W. PUSTAU & CO.

Hongkong, December 23, 1876. ja2

NOTICE.

M. R. LOUIS SIEGMUND LUTKENS is authorized to sign our Firm per Procuration.

W. PUSTAU & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ja2

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed SURVEYOR to LLOYD'S REGISTER at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS.

1, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, April 20, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of the late Mr. J. C. Kraus ceased with his death at Yokohama on the 27th of August last, and the Business will be carried on as heretofore and under the same Style and Firm by our Mr. H. KLEIN.

Mr. RICHARD SCHÜNBURGER has been authorized to sign the Firm.

KRUSE & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ja2

NOTICE.

M. R. FERDINAND NIISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

Mr. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorized to sign for us per Procuration.

We have this day reopened a branch of our firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ja2

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

HAVING returned to Hongkong, I have taken over the Management of the above Company's Station from this Date.

A. SUENSON, Agent.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ja2

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

W. M. CRUCKSHANK,

Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the Firm of G. RAYNAL & CO. at this Port, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

GUSTAV RAYNAL,

CAIR MILBOCH.

Macao, January 1, 1877. ja2

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of VISCOUNT DE CELAR in our Firm ceased from the 1st April 1876.

A. A. DE MILLO & CO.

Macao, January 1, 1877. ja2

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late MR. ALFRED HUTCHISON in our Firm ceased on the 26th February 1876.

DEACON & CO.

Canton, January 1, 1877. ja2

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of Missen & Hiles has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

O. J. WESTERN,

W. HULSE.

Canton, December 31, 1876. ja2

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. CHARLES BEWICK QUIGG in our Firm ceased on the 30th September, 1876. The Business will be continued under the Style of CAMPBELL & CO.

QUELCH & CAMPBELL.

Swatow, January 1, 1877. ja2

NOTICE.

THE Firm of J. D. MEYER & PEIERS will from this Date be carried on as heretofore under the Style of

J. D. MEYER & CO.

Swatow, January 1, 1877. ja2

Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & CO.'S CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ****, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENO'S

"EXTRA SEC." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 41 American Barque

"ANTIOCH,"

THOMAS MERILL, Master,

will load here for the above

Port, and will have early

despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, January 8, 1877. ja2

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 British Clipper Barque

"UNANIMA,"

CAIN, Master, will load here

and at Whampoa for the above

Port, and meet with early despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL,
37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
ESTABLISHED 1863.
T. KOFFER, Proprietor.
Hongkong, April 23, 1876. sp28

HONGKONG.

Chas. J. GAUPP & Co.
WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,
38, Queen's Road,
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CHRONOMETERS,
&c., &c., &c.,
Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately
rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at
reasonable rates and with despatch.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

W. BALL,
CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,
and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

AH YON,
SHIPS' COMPADEORE AND
STEVEDORE,
No. 57, Praya West.
SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH
PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S
STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

FOR Sale.

JUST RECEIVED,
Assignment of the Celebrated Toilet Requisites
"AMYROS."

IT is an Excellent COSMETIC.
As HAIR RESTORER it is unrivaled.
In a MOUTH WASH it is very agreeable, making the breath fragrant, and Preserving and Whitening the TEETH.
It Removes PIMPLES or Eruptions of the skin.
And is a powerful Disinfectant.

Sole Agent,
W. BALL,
China Dispensary, Hongkong.
Hongkong, December 12, 1876. ja12

NOW READY.

"THE FOLK-LORE OF CHINA,"
AND ITS AFFINITIES WITH THAT OF THE
ASIAN AND SEMITIC RACES.
By N. B. DENNYS, F.H.D.

"Instructive and amusing enough to command a ready sale."—*Daily Press*.
For Sale by
MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.;
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.; FALCONER
& CO.; MCQUEEN, PRICKER & CO.; GAUPP
& CO., and KRUSE & CO.,

Or can be had of the Author, at the CITY
HAUL, Hongkong.

London, ... TRAUNER & CO.
Shanghai, ... MESSRS KELLY & WALSH.

Price.—Half Bound Roan, ... \$2.00
Paper Covers, ... \$1.50
Hongkong, December 13, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

MACAO HOTEL,
PRAYA GRANDE, MACAO.

ON the 20th instant, a First Class
HOTEL will be OPENED, under
the above title, in Spacious, Commodious,
and well-furnished Premises on the Praya
Grande.

Every attention will be paid to the com-
fort of Visitors.
Wines, Spirits and Eatables of the best
quality only supplied. Terms moderate.
J. P. DE CAMPOS,
Proprietor.

Macao, January 8, 1877.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Arratoon Apear*, Captain
M. T. AVISH, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Clapp by her are
hereby requested to send in their Bills of
Lading for countersignature to the Under-
signed, and to take immediate delivery
of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be
at once landed and stored at Consignee's
risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 8, 1877. ja18

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

VESTA, German barque, Capt. H. Dirks.
Matchers & Co.

MADAME DEMOISSE, British barque,
Captain O. H. Bessell.—Gibb, Livingston
& Co.

BERTHOVUS, German barque, Captain
H. Hajo.—Matchers & Co.

BRIDGEPORT, British barque, Captain
E. W. Crisp.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

Flying Cloud, British barque, Captain
E. Williams.—Turner & Co.

LAURESS, German schooner, Captain O.
Hansen.—Carlowitz & Co.

HANTS COUNTY, British barque, Captain
G. W. Cochran.—Moyes & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

SAVILE & Co.

EG to Sollot inspection of their WIN-
TER STOCK.
Rich Black Glaceé and Grosgrain SILKS,
from the Best French Makers.
Coloured Grosgrain and Fancy SILKS,
Black, White and Coloured SATINS.
Japanese SILKS, Better and Cheaper
than ever.

Fancy DRESS MATERIALS, in all
the New TEXTURES, All WOOL
SERGES, Scotch WOOL PLAIDS, French
MERINOS.

Ladies' Ready-made COSTUMES, Ball
DRESSES, Opera CLOAKS.

Black and Coloured SILK VELVETS.
Black and Coloured VELVETEENS.

The Newest SHAPES in Silk, Velvet,
and Cloth JACKETS.

Children's Cloth JACKETS.

Boys' Sergt and Cloth SUITS, all Sizes.
Wool SHAWLS and Mountain WRAPS.

Ladies' Trimmed HATS and BONNETS,

Newest Styles, direct from Paris.

Untrimmed Felt and Straw HATS.

Children's Felt and Straw HATS.

RIBBONS, LACES, FEATHERS,
FLOWERS.

Ladies' Linen and Lace COLLARS and
CUFFS.

Swansdown and Fur TRIMMINGS,
Swansdown MUFFS, COLLARS and
PELERINES.

Infants' ROBES, CLOAKS and PE-
LISSES.

Infants' HOODS, HATS and BONNETS.

Ladies' and Children's UNDER-CLOTH-
ING.

Fancy Flannel Dressing GOWNS and
Morning WRAPPERS.

KID GLOVES.

Ladies' and Children's BOOTS and
SHOES.

MILITARY and DRESSMAKING.

Sold Agents for The "LITTLE WALTER"
SEWING MACHINE."

SAVILE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAND, PROPERTY AND TIMBER,
etc.

WEDNESDAY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction, (unless previously dis-
posed of by Private Sale) on the Premises
at Wanchi, on

MONDAY,

the 22nd January, 1877, at Noon,—

The following PIECES or PARCELS
of GROUND, with the BUILDINGS
erected thereon, belonging to
Messrs S. E. BURROWS & SONS.

FIRST.

That PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND,
Registered in the Land Office as
MARINE Lot No. 107, adjoining the
Police Station No. 2, at Wan-
chi, with the TWO First Class
GRANITE GODOWNS erected
thereon, viz.—

GODOWN No. 43, fronting on the
Praya 52½ feet, by an average of
73 feet Deep. Capacity about
1,300 Tons. Crown Rent, \$51 per
Annum.

GODOWN No. 44, adjoining above,
Two Stories, also fronting on the
Praya 52½ feet, by an average of
97 feet Deep. Capacity about
3,000 Tons. Crown Rent, \$69 per
Annum.

Each Godown, with the Land on which
it is erected, will be put up separately.

SECOND.

That PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND,
Registered in the Land Office as
MARINE Lot No. 121, at Wanchi,
and formerly known as THE HONO-
KONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COM-
PANY'S YARD, fronting on the Praya
100 feet, by an average of 144 feet
deep, containing 14,400 square feet.
Crown Rent, \$180 per Annum.

THIRD.

About 86,000 Superficial feet of ORE-
GON PINE LUMBER, 2, 3 and
4 inches, in Lots to suit Purchasers
etc., etc.

Sundry Lots of TEAK and SINGA-
PORE TIMBER, SHIP'S KNEES, WINCHES, BLOCKS,
OLD IRON, SCALES,
etc., etc., etc.

TERMS OF SALE:—

The LAND and GODOWNS.—One-half
of the Purchase Money to be paid on
the fall of the hammer, and the balance
on completion of the Deed of Transfer,
the expenses of which to be paid by the
Purchaser. The Property to be at Pur-
chaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

The TIMBER and MOVEABLE LOTS.—
Cash before delivery in Mexican Dol-
lars, weighed at 7.17. All lots, with
all faults and errors of description, at
Purchaser's risk on the fall of the
hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, January 8, 1877. ja20

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 8, SINDH, French steamer, 2148
Repaired, Shanghai Jan. 8, Mails and
General.—MISSISSAUGA MARITIME.

Jan. 8, FUYEE, Chi. str., from Canton.
Jan. 8, NAMCO, British steamer, 862,
G. Westoby, Foochow Jan. 8, Amoy 4,
and Swatow 6; General—DOWNS & LI-
MARK & Co.

Jan. 8, Hieronymus, British barque,
281, F. A. Koch, Swatow Jan. 8; Ballast
—LANDSTEIN & Co.

Jan. 8, Pallas, German barque, 421, D.
Balloby, Nagasaki Jan. 8, Coal and General
—SIEGMUND & Co.

Jan. 8, Garfield, American brigantine, 860,
P. J. Forbes, Portland Nov. 6, General.—
JARDINE, MAGEE & CO.

HANTS COUNTY, British barque, Captain
G. W. Cochran.—Moyes & Co.

JARDINE, MAGEE & CO.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *SINDH*
will be despatched on THURSDAY,
the 11th January, 1877, with
Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles;
to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle,
Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta,
Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alex-
andria.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *CITY OF
TOKIO*, will be despatched on MON-
DAY, the 15th Instant, with Mails for
Japan, San Francisco, the United
States, and London, which will be
closed as follows:—

2 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet *GEELONG*,

will be despatched with the Mails
for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY,
the 18th Inst.

DEPARTURES.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 8, Charles Mourau, for Quilon.

7, Hopewell, for Falmouth.

8, Amanda, for Iloilo.

9, Prism, for London, &c.

8, Fuyee, for Shanghai.

8, Marie Louise, for Achean.

8, Chinkiang, for Canton.

CLEARED.

8, Douglas, for Coast Ports.

8, Pendo, for Singapore and Bangkok.

8, Ningpo, for Swatow.

8, Norma, for Singapore and London.

8, Mount Washington, for Iloilo.

8, Madagascari, for Guangzhou.

8, Kronprins Gustaf, for London.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Sind, from Shanghai, Messrs Horne-
fall, Thomas W. Williams, MacPherson,
and Robins, 1 Japanese, 2 children and 18
Chinese. For Marcellis, Mrs Roberts
and 2 children, Messrs Tillett and Chapman.

Per Nomos, from Coast Ports, Messrs
O. R. Thatcher, Maudsley, Dixie, Captain
Vincent, and 150 Chinese.

Per Singapore, from Townsville, Mr E.
Panniza; from Brisbane, Revd. Wilton
Hack; from Singapore, Mr Walker, and
304 Chinese.

Per Arratoon Apear, from Calcutta, &c.,
Messrs J. Knox Wright, &c., M. Eskele, J.
Horobrake, Munderjee, Reuben and Joseph.

Per Priam, for Straits, several Chinese.

Per Marie

noticing that the Armistice in the East has been prolonged for two months. It was understood that this extension had been stipulated by Turkey, in case terms of peace had not been settled at the conclusion of the first six weeks; so it is difficult to draw any special conclusions from the fact. It would seem, however, that there must be at least some prospect of a settlement being come to.

TELEGRAMS were received from London yesterday (Jan. 3rd), says the *N. C. D. News*, quoting Silver 57d. firm, and exchange in consequence went up 2 in the course of the day.

The bankers, merchants, and agents of Steamship Companies in Galle, have petitioned the Governor and Legislative Council of Ceylon, praying for the improvement of Galle harbour. The petitioners complain that the money annually voted for blasting and removing the rocks in the inner harbour had not been spent, and they ask that a lighthouse in a more prominent position with a first class revolving light should be substituted for the existing one with a light produced by ordinary coco-nut oil lamps with weak reflectors. Further, they ask that the pilot service should be improved, and buoys and beacons placed on the Gindurah and other outside rocks which have been lately so fatal to steamers and sailing vessels. They urge that a commission of professional men should be appointed to examine and report upon the whole subject.

Now officially, but very confidently, the Financier can state the courses resolved upon by the British Cabinet in the event of the Russians invading Turkey. A British corps d'armes will immediately occupy Constantinople; and the land front of the city, together with the lines of Gallipoli, commanding the European shores of the Dardanelles, will also be fortified and defended against all attacks—should attack come, which is more than doubtful. The land-front of Constantinople is not more than fifteen miles in breadth, and is not assailable upon more than one-half of that frontage; and the heavy artillery of the British iron-clads (themselves invulnerable to field artillery or ordinary siege guns) could take the flanks of this position for several miles inland. The European side of the Dardanelles can be defended with equal ease. It is calculated that not more than 25 thousand British troops would be required, and British Engineer officers are already engaged in making the surveys requisite for a thorough defence of the Turkish capital. Neither into Bulgaria nor Armenia will the British standards advance. England would simply and temporarily hold Constantinople in pledge, on behalf of the other Powers and of the world at large.

We (*Singapore Times*) learn from the Madras *Weekly Mail* that the condition of the famine stricken districts is no worse; in fact the Government seem to have been able to put a check on the further progress of the formidable enemy. Supplies of food are, thanks to the railways, being poured into the affected districts in enormous quantities, and the evil the people have to contend with now is dear food instead of no food at all. With relief works in progress all over the country, where the poor can find employment and obtain subsistence, the present position may be maintained, it is hoped, until the crisis is passed. The only element of danger at present is the chance that the supply of drinking water may fail in certain parts. Many of the ordinary sources of supply are already exhausted, but it is hoped that by taking timely precautions in building new wells, and obtaining a plentiful supply of Norton's Tube wells, this danger may be averted. About 150,000 people in the Bellary district are now dependent on relief in some form or other.

Swatow.

Jan. 4, 1877.

Arrivals.—Dec. 29, Namos from Hongkong, Yesso from Coast Ports; 31, Swatow from Shanghai, Hammonia from Chefoo, Condar from Chafoo; Jan. 1, Olympia from Shanghai, Haicou from Hongkong, Fei Yune (H.L.C.M.S.) from Foochow; 2, Fu Yew from Shanghai, Douglas from Coast Ports, Cheung Hock Kien from Hongkong, Fei Yune (H.L.C.M.S.) from Foochow; 3 M.A. Dixon from Chefoo.

Departures.—Dec. 29, Caroline for Takao, Namsa for Coast Ports, Norma for Hongkong; 30, Yesso for Hongkong, Madagascar for Singapore; Jan. 1, Haicou for Coast Ports; 2, Douglas for Hongkong, Fu Yew for Hongkong; 3, Cheung Hock Kien for Amoy; 4, Swatow for Shanghai, Olympia for Hongkong, Fei Yune (H.L.C.M.S.) for Amoy.

Vessels in Port.—Steamer Montgomeryshire for Singapore. Sailing vessels: Alexander Newton for Saigon, Hants County for Changle f.o., Pelham for Amoy, Kurio, M. A. Dixon, Hammonia, Condor, and Tawatt. Men-of-war: H. L. C. M. S. Chen To and Ling Feng.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Both Magistrates.)

January 8, 1877.

A STRAGGLER.

John Williams, a seaman U. S. S. Kearsarge, was charged with being a straggler, and was ordered to be taken on board.

EXTRAS.

Lam Ahing and Lo Ayuk, stone-cutters, were brought up for cutting stones at a quarry at Shek-kong-tau which was reserved by Government. Fined \$3 each.

AN INGENIOUS FAULT.

Fung Fat and Chun Rat, hawkers, were again brought up to answer the charge of defrauding the To-Chu shop, Canton, of a quantity of sausages and dried livers. The last practically admitted the charge, but urged that he was only assisting one Shan Achuna. The 2nd defendant was asked to sell the meat and was to get 2 per cent commission. The first was sent to six months' hard labour, and was ordered to give security thereafter in \$100 for three months in default of which to be brought to the knowledge of the Governor. The 2nd defendant was sent to four months' hard labour for receiving stolen property.

A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.

Chow Akew, a bricklayer, was found in possession of a bundle, which on being opened was discovered to contain a sword and a dagger. He was sent to six weeks' hard labour as a suspicious character.

TRROBLEOME BOATMEN.

Two runners to Chinese boarding houses and two boatmen were brought up for having gone on board the steamer *Namoa* before she was properly anchored. The runners went on board to secure boarders, and the first had been convicted before. He was fined \$10; the others \$5 each.

ASSAULT.

At Fat Ying, a passenger by the steamer *Singapore* which arrived to-day, was charged with assaulting a fellow passenger named Ng Ahow. It appeared that the complainant, who had been in Australia for about 20 years, was returning to China and occupied the same tier of berths with the defendant, who had also been a long time in Australia—some 17 years. On the passage, the complainant missed a pair of socks and accused the defendant of the theft which he denied. On the arrival of the steamer here, the complainant saw the defendant put on a pair of socks which looked like his. He again accused him of the theft, when a quarrel ensued, in which the defendant struck the complainant on the cheek with a pole drawing blood. Fined 20/ and half of the fine, if paid, to go to the complainant as compensation.

DISEASED MEAT.

Tsang Aluk and Chan Aman were charged with killing a cow which was in a diseased state, and offering the meat for sale. The 1st defendant said the animal was his, and he asked the 2nd defendant to kill it for him. The 1st was fined \$10, and the 2nd discharged.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

During the last fortnight the water at Hankow and Kiukiang has fallen rapidly, and only steamers drawing less than two feet can proceed higher than Olyphant Island.

We are glad to see that eleven gentlemen have been nominated to serve as Municipal Councillors for the ensuing year, so that there will be a contested election, which is always a good thing, as it evokes more interest in Municipal matters.

The water on the skating rink froze under the shelter of the North Bank on Monday night, and also under the shed in one place where it was protected from the wind; but the wind ruffled the surface too much in the open, for the frost to catch it. It would take very severe cold to freeze it in defiance of such a blow. Mats were put up along the North side yesterday, to obviate this inconvenience, if a chance occurs, as the Chinese predict, two or three weeks hence.

We hear that the *Lapwing* is likely to be repaired in Shanghai by Messrs. Hay & Co. It is said that an examination of her hull shows her to be of magnificent workmanship throughout, to have withstood the strain she has done, without damage. She is of course very much damaged about the keel, showing what a severe hammering she has resisted, but the upper part of her hull is not strained or injured.

(Courier.)

We have important intelligence from Peking. Senor d'España, the Spanish Minister, has broken off diplomatic relations with the Chinese Government and left the Capital; and the frigate *Carmen*, whose impending visit we have already announced, is to be accompanied by the entire fleet from the Sulu Archipelago, consisting we believe of fourteen men-of-war. The cause of the rupture is understood to be the unsettled claims of the Spanish Government respecting the case of the *Sourana*, which was wrecked (we believe) in 1864 upon the Formosan coast; but it is whispered that the Cuban difficulty is at the bottom of the affair.

There is another rumour, for the authenticity of which we do not vouch, that M. de Prat has left the government service. We also hear that the Russians have succeeded in opening the navigation of the Chinese part of the Amoor river.

It has for some time been understood that the American Post Office at Shanghai would be discontinued on the 1st January inst., in consequence of the withdrawal of the Pacific Mail Co.'s steamers and their transfer to the Mitas Biak Co. We have now received semi-official information that the power of attorney authorising the transfers in question has been revoked, and that the Post Office will be continued as heretofore.

Last night (Jan. 1st) about ten o'clock, the flooring of one of the filthiest Chinese shanties in a lane leading from the Rue du Consulat to the Yang-king-pang was discovered to be on fire. The exact origin of the accident is, we believe, unknown, but it was at first trifling. The wood, however, burnt for a long time before any attempt was made on the part of the neighbours to put it out, and soon the blaze spread to the house next door. Some sailors who were on the spot then began to try with more zeal than success, to pull one of the houses down; but by this time the fire had got considerable hold upon the buildings and an alarm was given at the Central Station. The bell was soon set pealing, and crowds of natives rushed pell-mell to the scene of the conflagration. It did not take long for the houses on the opposite side of the narrow gully to catch fire, and they were all soon burning fiercely. The wood was as dry as tinder, and there was just enough wind to fan the flames into a yet stronger blaze. Showers of brilliant sparks were wafted in a great rose-coloured fountain across the blue sky, while the view from the Rue du Consulat, looking up the lane, was most remarkable. The flames which were destroying the houses on both sides, seemed to meet in the middle of the thoroughfare, presenting the appearance of a solid wall of fire; while in the meantime they were steadily eating their way through the shanties on the eastern side, and threatening the row of houses in the next alley. For a long time it was impossible to cope with them, owing to the want of water. As ill-luck would have it, the Yang-king-pang creek was absolutely dry, and although the engines and fire-companies were in attendance with commendable promptitude, they were, for a long time, helpless. All this time the scene in the surrounding streets was really very painful. Men, women and children were hurrying distractedly to and fro, weeping and bewailing their misfortunes bitterly. One poor man was gloriously informing everybody, in French, that he had

lost two hundred dollars—presumably his all. "Deux cent piastres, monsieur!" he cried continuously, to anybody he could get to listen to him, "avez-vous ce que c'est, que deux—cent piastres?" The road was meanwhile piled up on both sides with heaps of household furniture, tables, bundles wonderful and innumerable, and treasures of all descriptions; and with the tramping of the firemen, the hoarse shouts of the Chinese as they rushed out of their burning houses laden with miscellaneous cargo, and the shrieks of the women, the confusion was about complete. At last people began to enquire as to the whereabouts of the Hook-and-Ladders, and it became clearer every minute that they, and they only, could be of any service. They eventually arrived, rather late, and did good service in arresting the further progress of the flames: but not until after a deal of damage had resulted. The pecuniary loss, we fancy, must have been altogether considerable; and the destruction of the unfortunate creatures who were burnt out, extreme. When we visited the scene this afternoon the ruins were still smouldering; and yet, strange to say, some of the charred timbers, which were as black as coal could make them, hung a fringe of iodoles. It is some time since we had a fire, and now that dry cold weather has set in, it will be as well to keep a sharp lookout. The fire season is commencing.

CHEROKEE.

Dec. 29th.

A correspondent says the question of the gold fields of Shantung, especially in the neighbourhood of Chefoo, is again attracting attention owing to a native digger having quite recently found a nugget of gold weighing nine carats and a half, at Chi-chia. A few more finds of this sort would go a long way to prove that the auriferous character of the soil. Shantung is really what has been contended for by the progressive element in China, and if liberty were allowed to dig for gold, abundant riches would flow in to gladden the hearts of the famine-stricken population of the North of China.

The news from the stricken districts is deplorable. People are said to be dying from famine, in thousands.—*N. C. D. News*

The Straits.

(Singapore Times.)

The British steamer *Arratoon* appears which arrived from Swatow on the 24th instant, has imported from that port 800 Chinese coolies.

The S. S. *Eastern Isles* about whose safety some anxieties were felt, has, we are glad to announce, arrived here safely. Her late arrival was due to her having run short of coal on the voyage which necessitated her running to the coast for a supply of firewood.

The Detached Squadron now in the harbour and which was only awaiting the arrival of the P. & O. mail steamer from Hongkong before its departure for Portsmouth round the Cape of Good Hope, will leave here to-morrow (Dec. 27th).

Messrs. Syme & Co., Agents for the Manila line of small steamers have received a telegram from Hongkong—

"Marines mails lost. Typhoon. Send duplicates."

This might be read as if the steamer had been lost and not even mails saved; but reading it in the light of another telegram which the Spanish Consul has received, we think that only a portion of the mails in a deck cabin has been lost. At 10 to-day (Dec. 26th) a telegram was sent to Hongkong for further particulars but up to going to press no reply had been received.

Just upon going to press we are glad to state a telegram was received announcing the safety of the S. S. *Marie*. She arrived at Manila on the 20th instant. In the typhoon which she experienced her decks were swept and the portion of the mail in the Captain's cabin was washed away.

We regret to announce the death, in his 41st year, of His Highness Tunku Abdulrahman bin Ibrahim, the brother of His Highness the Maharelah of Johore.

We understand the Home Government have advised the local Government to raise a loan for the purpose of relieving the Colony from the embarrassments which it has had to contend against owing to the large sums which from time to time have been advanced to the Native States out of its treasury. The loan will, no doubt, be raised in these Settlements.

H. M. steamer *Ringdove*, Commander Singleton, anchored in the roads this morning (Dec. 27th) from Hongkong, en route homewards.

The Detached Squadron under the command of Rear Admiral Rowley Lambert, C.B., took its departure for Plymouth this morning (Dec. 27th) via the Cape of Good Hope.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Captain Peto, A.D.C., paid a visit yesterday evening, (Dec. 26th) to H. L. C. M. C. crew corvette *Yang Woo*, Captain P. Luxmore, R.N., lying in the roads, and was saluted with 17 guns, which salute was immediately returned from Fort Canning.

An adjourned inquest has been held on the bodies of two male Chinese, who were shot by the Police at the New Market Station during the riot on the 18th instant.

From the evidence it appears that at 9.30 a.m. on the 18th instant, a large number of Chinese attacked the Police at the New Market Station. The small body of Police there finding themselves in danger at first fired several shots into the air, but this instead of causing the Chinese to retire had the opposite effect, and they came as far as the door of the Station throwing bricks and whatever they could get hold of at the Police. One of the bricks that were thrown knocked down a Police Constable, and the Sergeant in charge and the other Police Constables were also hit with bricks at the same time thrown by this mob. The Sergeant then gave the order to fire direct at them, when two were killed and one wounded. On the arrival of Inspector Richards with more Police the mob dispersed. From the evidence of Dr. Anderson the deaths in both cases were caused by gun shot wounds and must have been instantaneous. Verdict, "justifiable homicide." At the conclusion of the inquest the juries unanimously agreed to the following resolution—

"We, the Juries, are unanimously of opinion that the Police under Sergeant

Dadameah at the New Market Station on the 18th December 1876 behaved with great circumspection and also showed great forbearance towards the Chinese rioters in the manner in which they carried out their duties."

Australian Items.

Sydney, December 7.—The great cricket match between the All England eleven and the Sydney team commenced to-day. Ten thousand spectators were present. The All English went first to the wickets, and had six wickets down for 83 runs. Jupp was ill.

Later.—The English cricketers are all out for a hundred and twenty-three (123) runs. Second innings, one hundred and six (106).

December 8.—The New South Wales team are all out in their first innings for eighty-one (81).

The *Cooktown Courier* has the following hit at the lawyers:

There was rather a scene in Court last Wednesday. Mr. Cooper, the barrister, appeared for a client in the capacity of attorney, and the opposing lawyer, Mr. Morgan, during the progress of the case, objected to his doing so. Mr. Morgan pressed his point; the Bench assumed an air of profound wisdom and deep sorrow, and didn't want to have anything to do with it. Mr. Morgan became vehement; the Bench thought he should have taken his objection at the beginning of the case, they didn't think it had anything to do with them, they didn't want to rule, and they didn't want to have the objection taken down. Mr. Morgan became still more vehement—in fact reprehensibly so—and the Bench sorrowfully expostulated with him. Mr. Cooper pointed out that the objection would have to be taken down; Mr. O'Reilly added his opinion on the matter in dispute as *amicus curiae*; and the Bench, while still struggling to preserve an air of wisdom, looked thoroughly puzzled. Finally, Mr. Cooper, practically admitting that he had no right to appear as an attorney, sat down, remarking that the business did not pay him. We have no personal ill-will to Mr. Cooper, and we do not wish to hurt his feelings, but, for the public benefit, we are glad to learn that it does not pay him. Four attorneys are enough for this unhappy town.

If fate the land, to hastening woes a prey,

When lawyers multiply and men decay.

We notice that a punkah is being fixed in the Court House, for the benefit of Sir Hon. Judge Sheppard, during the sitting of the approaching Circuit Court. We are glad to see that it is being hung well forward and will cool the lawyers sitting at the table. They need it.

THE RIOTS AT BARBADOES.

The Special Commission sent out from England to Barbadoes, says the *Singapore Times*, to try Mr. Pope Hennessy's rioters was opened on the 12th October by Mr. Washington Phillips, the Acting Chief Justice for the time being, and its sittings terminated on the 21st October. In the nine days the Court sat, 181 cases were disposed of and 450 prisoners were dealt with. Out of the 450 persons in the calendar, 206 were discharged; 45 were let out on their own recognisances; 15 sentenced to penal servitude, 85 to imprisonment without hard labour; and the grand jury ignorantly ignored all bills against all white persons, and at the conclusion Judge Phillips addressed them in the following ominous terms:—

"Gentlemen—you have been kept a long time from your usual avocations, and must have suffered inconvenience, and really I see no necessity here for the intervention of the Courts. The evidence brought before you may have varied from the depositions which I hold in my hand, and on which the prisoners were committed, yet I should ill discharge my duty as a Minister of Justice were I to say nothing." The Judge then gave instances in which rioters had been sent to prison, and dwelt particularly on one case in which a magistrate ordered a soldier to shoot a man who had surrendered.

The Judge concluded as follows:—"Gentlemen, as far as you and I are concerned the case is at an end, but I say advisedly that it will be remembered by every man in this island who regards justice or humanity, and I can only hope that in your need you may receive that mercy which this day you have extended to others." The Barbadians continue recalcitrant. They insist upon a special inquiry into the origin of the riots. The Assembly decline to pass a Police Bill specially recommended by Lord Carrington, or to vote the salary of an Inspector of Education appointed by the Secretary of State.

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THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
TOKIO, will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY,
the 16th January, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets, and Bills
of Lading are issued for transportation, to
Yokohama, and other Japan Ports, to San
Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and
South America, and to New York, and
Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Com-
pany will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea
Ports, about same date, and make close
connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection
of various lines of Steamers to England,
France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board, until
4 p.m. 14th proxime. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 16, Praya Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, December 15, 1876.

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PAQUEBOTS POSTES FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,
ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES,
AND MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS AND
CALCUTTA.

ON THURSDAY, the 11th January,
1877, at Noon, the Company's
S. S. SINDH, Commandant RAPAZEL,
with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon,
Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.,
on the 10th January, 1877. (Parcels are
not to be sent on-board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 6, 1877.



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Medi-
terranean Ports, Southampton
and London;

Also,

Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
GEELONG, Captain FEASER, will leave
this on THURSDAY, the 15th January,
at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. MCIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

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THE S. S. "GALIC," will be des-
patched for San Francisco, via Yokohama,
on THURSDAY, the 1st January, 1877, at 3 p.m.,
taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. of 1st instant. Parcel Packages
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Return Passage Tickets available for 6
months are issued at a reduction of 20 per
cent on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight
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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

WASHING BOOKS,
(In English and Chinese)

WAGHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now
ready at this Office—Price \$1 each.

China Mail Office.

INSURANCES.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL
INSURANCE CO.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agent, in Hongkong, for the above-
named Company, is prepared to grant
Policies against Fire, on Buildings and on
Goods, to the extent of £10,000, at the
usual rates, subject to an immediate dis-
count of 20%.

Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premiums for Life Insurance in
China.

Life Policies effected during the year

1875, share in the Bonus to be declared on

31st December for the quinquennial period
then ending.

A. MAGG. HEATON,

Hongkong, September 27, 1875.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAS. B. COUGTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

H. GILMAN & Co.,

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Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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